MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING
SANTA MARIA CITY COUNCIL

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA

NOVEMBER 6, 2012

INVOCATION:
Pastor Greg Burtnett of Grace Baptist Church gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:
Councilmember Boysen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT
Councilmembers Boysen, Cordero, Orach, Patino and Mayor Lavagnino.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT
City Manager Haydon, City Attorney Trujillo, Director of Community Development Appel, Interim Police Chief Martin, Fire Chief Orr, Director of Recreation and Parks Posada, Director of Utilities Sweet, Director of Administrative Services Visé, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Whitehead, Deputy City Manager Barnhard, Deputy City Manager Lara, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Garietz.

1. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Lavagnino announced that the polls will close tonight at 8:00 p.m. and he wished the candidates good luck.

A. GEM AWARD
City Manager Haydon presented the "Going the Extra Mile (GEM)" Award to Kyle Dodds, Firefighter. He was nominated for being the driving force behind Fire Ops 101, Fire Control 3 and Investigation 2A courses, and the training burns that took place at the Vocational Training Center (VTC) in the months of April and May; and due to his organizational and leadership skills, the Fire Department successfully accomplished the desired results from the training burns, including participation by neighboring fire agencies and holding a Fire Investigation 2A course utilizing the burned structures.

Kyle Dodds thanked Mr. Haydon for the award, as well as the City Council. He indicated that he felt that he was just the lucky recipient of the award. The entire Fire Department had a hand in putting together the Fire Ops course. He stated that he humbly accepted the award on behalf of the entire Fire Department.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT
Ernest Armenta spoke about the election and suggested that the City consider separating into voting districts for elections because some people did not feel they were represented.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR
Councilmember Cordero asked that Items 3E, 3F, and 3H be pulled for comment. Councilmember Patino asked that Item 3H be pulled for comment.

Item 3E – OTS Grants
Councilmember Cordero asked Interim Chief of Police to explain what services the grant funds would be providing, and explain how much it cost the City to hold the DUI Checkpoints. He indicated that he had been asked by a resident what was the purpose of having the checkpoints when no one was arrested.

Interim Chief of Police responded that the OTS provides funds to cities that have difficulty with some of their traffic programs. The City is ranked 6th in the State of 103 cities with traffic collisions involving people under the influence of alcohol. The grant funding was broken down into two grants. The State no longer wanted to manage the smaller grants and UC Berkeley students or management were reviewing and overseeing the mini grants. In 2007, the City was ranked No. 11 in the State with fatal and injury traffic collisions, and No. 1 involving alcohol-related traffic collisions. The affects of the checkpoints were very positive. In 2011, the City was now No. 6 in the State. He indicated that previously 20 to 25 people were arrested at the checkpoints, but now that the checkpoints were advertised the numbers have dropped to only a couple of arrests. If people were staying home, then it was a positive thing.

Item 3F – Call for Bids for Union Valley Parkway
Councilmember Cordero asked why the City was taking the lead on this County project.

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Whitehead responded that the City had applied for and was granted both State and Federal grants that funded the project. The City was the lead agency for the Environmental Impact Report, and the majority of the alignment of the Union Valley Parkway arterial is within the City limits. It will simplify the process for the bidding and construction of the project, and the City and the County would be working together.

Mayor Lavagnino commented that this project had been in the works since fiscal year 1964-65, and has been a cooperative effort between the County of Santa Barbara, SBCAG and the City. Without the Phase III being completed, the off ramp on Union Valley Parkway would direct traffic into a residential area. Phase III will be completed at the same time the off ramp is to be completed, which will lead from Highway 101 to Blosser Road.

Councilmember Orach commented about the positive impacts of the project with the traffic flow for the areas at Foster Road and Lakeview, and by St. Joseph and Righetti High Schools.

Item 3H – Select Staffing Agreement
Councilmember Cordero indicated that he had received comments from people who believed that the City only hired temporary employees, instead of hiring full time employees. He also discussed that students and young people were hired for these temporary and seasonal positions which contributes to them staying off the streets and gaining work experience.

Director of Recreation and Parks Posada commented that temporary staffing was implemented because of a need to provide staff at various levels on a seasonal basis. It had been difficult to get temporary summertime staff such as lifeguards or recreation leaders hired, which required getting their certifications, going through the City's hiring process, and then getting them hired in time to meet the needs of the department. It also freed up City staff from having to process student work permits, payroll, and all the paperwork and responsibilities required of employers. They wanted to create a way that the City could facilitate these important jobs that were seasonal and support-type jobs that could be filled quickly, and then City could move on after the jobs were completed.

Consent Calendar Items 3A through 3H were approved on motion by Councilmember Cordero, seconded by Councilmember Patino, and carried on the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmembers Boysen, Cordero, Orach, Patino, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

A. ORDINANCES.
The reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions was waived. Ordinances on the Consent Calendar were adopted by the same vote cast at the first reading unless City Council indicated otherwise.

B. MINUTES.
The Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of October 16, 2012, were approved as submitted.

C. WARRANTS.
Warrant Nos. 175746 to 176009 totaling $2,119,177.21 were ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services. Warrant Nos. 170592, 174981, 175493, 175541, 175631 and 175679 were cancelled.

D. PAYROLL.
Payment of payroll was ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Heads, as shown on records on file in the Department of Administrative Services and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services.

E. OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANTS PT13107 AND SC13391.
The City Council adopted a resolution authorizing the appropriation of $115,000 to be allocated to the Santa Maria Police Department under the provisions of the Office of Traffic Safety (O.T.S.) Selective Traffic Enforcement program, Grant PT 13107, and the appropriation of $172,200 to be allocated to the Santa Maria Police Department under the provisions of the Office of Traffic Safety 9O.T.S.) Sobriety Checkpoint Grant Program, Grant SC13391, in concert with the terms and conditions contained in the grants.

Resolution No. 2012-120 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS UNDER THE CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM #PT13107.

Resolution No. 2012-121 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS UNDER THE CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM #PT13391.

F. CALL FOR BIDS

The City Council granted approval to call for bids on the plans and specifications for Union Valley Parkway, Phase III, Bid No. 2012/02.

G. UNION VALLEY PARKWAY, PHASE III, CONSTRUCTION COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

The City Council approved and authorized the City Manager to sign the Union Valley Parkway, Phase III Construction Cooperative Agreement with the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) and Santa Barbara County; and authorized the City Manager to sign the Professional Services Agreement for Construction Services with Santa Barbara County.

Resolution No. 2012-122 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE UNION VALLEY PARKWAY, PHASE III CONSTRUCTION COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT AND THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT.

H. AWARD OF AGREEMENT TO SELECT STAFFING FOR CONTRACT PERSONNEL SERVICES

The City Council adopted a resolution approving an agreement with Select Staffing, for Contract Personnel Services and authorized the Director of Recreation and Parks to execute the agreement.

Resolution No. 2012-123 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT PERSONNEL SERVICES AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZED THE DIRECTOR OF RECREATION AND PARKS TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

4. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FIRST QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2012, AND A BUDGET AMENDMENT REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-13.

Director of Administrative Services Visé gave the report as detailed in the written Council Agenda Report. With 25 percent of the year complete, the beginning fund balance is $14.6 million. The national unemployment rate recently declined from 8.1 percent to 7.9 percent. Locally, the County's unemployment rate dropped from 8.5 percent to 7.1 percent. Sales tax receipts are $238,000 greater then last year, but are still $197,000 less than what was received in 2007-08. On September 24, receipts of NHIS began under the newly issued permit. The new permit authorizes 500,000 cubic yards of material to be hauled to the landfill resulting in approximately $6.5 million in revenue over the next three to five years. Expenditures are 20.4 percent of budget. The Water and Wastewater funds broke even for the first quarter, with expenditures exceeding revenues by $19,000. This includes the semi-annual debt service payment of $1.53 million on the 2012 refunding bonds. The Solid Waste expenditures exceeded revenues by $134,000, which is breaking even. Staff proposed personnel and operational changes which are intended to maximize operational efficiencies and enhance service delivery by: 1) creating the limited-service classifications of Provisional Police Manager and Provisional Police Supervisor; 2) adding a part-time Facility Specialist II and a limited-service Park Services Aide; 3) appropriating Quimby Park Acquisition and Development funds and Growth Mitigation Funds for the development of a 2013 Leisure Needs Assessment and Action Plan; 4) abolishing the classification of Treasury Manager and replacing the classification with a newly created classification of Revenue Technician; 5) abolishing the classification of Finance Lead Clerk and replacing the classification with the newly created classification of Utility Billing Lead Clerk; 6) increasing appropriations by $1,321,000 in the General Fund Administrative Services budget for debt payments on the Redevelopment Agency Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds; 7) advancing $1 million in appropriations in the Capital Projects General Fund from 2013-14 to 2012-13 to prepare the network for the anticipated move of the Police Department technology systems to the new Police headquarters; 8) appropriating $35,500 in the Communication Equipment Fund to purchase replacement portable two-way radio batteries and noise canceling extended microphones in the Police Department; 9) appropriating $419,400 in the Mobile Equipment Fund for the replacement of one asphalt crack sealer, one solid waste side loader, and two police patrol vehicles; 10) appropriating $40,000 in the Capital Projects General Fund and decreasing a corresponding amount of appropriations in the Mobile Equipment Fund for the purchase of a ½-ton Extended Cab Pickup Truck for the Fire Department; and 11) appropriating $85,000 in the Landscape District Operating Accounts and authorizing the purchase of a tractor and implements to improve operations in the Special Districts and Special Benefit Zones.

Public Input

Ernest Armenta asked about the budget amendments regarding the Provisional Police Manager, and indicated that he was opposed to the Park Services Aide. He indicated that the Park Services Aide

duties should be handled by Police Officers. He asked that the City Treasurer provide presentations to the Council with the quarterly reports. He said that the public does not know who the City Treasurer is. He suggested that the Police Department and Fire Department budgets be split 50/50.

Resolution No. 2012-124 was adopted approving amendments to the budget for 2012-13 and authorizing the City Manager to implement same on motion by Councilmember Patino, seconded by Councilmember Boysen, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Cordero, Orach, Patino, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2012-124 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE 2012-13 BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT THE SAME.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Haydon reported on items anticipated for the November 20, 2012, Council meeting including presentation of the Volunteer of the Month; Consent Calendar items regarding No Stopping Zones, lease purchase financing for equipment, Conflict of Interest Code amendments, and Notice of Completion for the Vet's Center; and Closed Sessions regarding a public employee appeal and public employee evaluations for the City Manager and City Attorney. He announced that the Closed Session will begin at 5:30 p.m. and continue after the regular portion of the meeting, if necessary.

City Manager Haydon introduced new Deputy City Manager Rhonda Barnhard who will be handling the administrative side of the City's business. She comes from the City of Bakersfield, has her bachelor's degree in public administration and policy. She has an extensive background in project management, budgeting and economic development.

ORAL REPORTS BY COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Boysen wished the candidates luck in the election.

Councilmember Patino reported that she attended the National Arts Program Awards Ceremony, the ASES Afterschool Education at El Camino Junior High, the COLAB dinner at the Fairpark, the public input meeting on the hiring of the new Police Chief, the LISTOS classes for instructors at Fire Station No. 1, served at the Empty Bowls event at the Fairpark, attended the celebration of Filipino Month dinner and dance, the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians Foundation dinner, the Rotary fundraiser dinner, and the kick-off of the Toys for Tots with the Marines.

Mayor Lavagnino reported that he attended the YMCA Dinner, the SBCAG and APCD meetings in Santa Barbara, the Union Valley Parkway groundbreaking ceremony, served at the Empty Bowls fundraiser at the Fairpark, spoke at a Youth Forum for the Institute of Religion, was interviewed by two Righetti High School students regarding his job as Mayor, and attended the Rotary Foundation dinner. He also mentioned a letter to the Editor of the Santa Maria Times where someone questioned why the bridge was so rough. He indicated that the project was far from finished.

Councilmember Orach reported that he attended a LAFCO meeting and worked the majority of the time. He wished the candidates luck in the election.

Councilmember Cordero reported that he attended National Arts Program Awards Ceremony, the Harvest Festival on Foster Road, the Chamber Mixed at Lavigna Homes on Blosser Road, the 50th Anniversary Tour at VTC, the Black and White Ball at the Boys & Girls Club, the question and answer session about what the public wanted in a new Police Chief, the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Union Valley Parkway interchange, the Homeland Security presentation at the Fairpark, served at the Empty Bowls event, attended the teacher's reception at the Souza Center where the Altrusa Club awarded grants to the teachers, the PQ Graduation ceremony at Ontiveros School, toured the landfill, attended the Career Day event at Arellanes School, and the Rotary Foundation fundraiser event.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, Mayor Lavagnino declared the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

APPROVED

November 20, 2012
Date

Chief Deputy City Clerk of the City of Santa Maria and ex officio Clerk of the City Council

Mayor of the City of Santa Maria

ATTEST

Chief Deputy City Clerk